

AMENDMENTIn the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph "Figure 1." starting at line 11 of the abstract.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 8, line 24, as follows:

B1 -- The invention enables the laser source to cooperate with the diaphragm and the first and second optical means to create a single laser pulse on the object with an impact with a power per unit area greater than 1 GW/cm^2 , this power per unit area preferably being equal to or greater than 10 GW/cm^2 . --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 1 as follows:

B2 -- According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the second optical means have a numerical aperture equal to or greater than 0.1.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 15, line 23 as follows:

B3 -- This objective 12 also has a large numerical aperture, greater than or equal to 0.1.
This choice prevents interaction of the laser beam with the plasma 28 generated during laser ablation. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 5, as follows:

B4 -- Preferably, the first and second optical means are anti-reflection treated at the wavelength of the light emitted by the laser source. --